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April Devotion-

God at Work

“God is crying.”

Those were the words whispered by Bill Haley’s ten-year-old daughter as she stood in the rain with a group of multiethnic believers in Jesus. They had come to Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley to seek God and make sense of the legacy of racial discord in America. As they stood on the grounds where former slaves were buried, they joined hands in prayer. Then suddenly the wind began to blow, and it started to rain. As the leader called out for racial healing, the rain began to fall even harder. Those gathered believed that God was at work to bring reconciliation and forgiveness.

And so was it at Calvary—God was at work. After the crucified Jesus breathed His last, “The earth shook, the

rocks split and the tombs broke open” (*Matthew 27:51–52*). Though some had denied who Jesus was, a centurion assigned to guard Him had come to a different conclusion: “When the centurion and those with him . . . saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, ‘Surely he was the Son of God!’” (v. 54).

In the death of Jesus, God was at work providing forgiveness of sin for all who believe in Him. “God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them” (*2 Corinthians 5:19*). And what better way to demonstrate that we’ve been forgiven by God than to extend forgiveness to each other?

Matthew records three events and their aftereffects that occurred at the moment of Jesus’ death,

First, the temple curtain that separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place was torn from top to bottom. Many theologians have written that this symbolized God removing the barrier that separated people from His presence (only the high priest was allowed to enter the Most Holy Place, and only once a year with a blood sacrifice).

Second, there was an earthquake. This caused rocks to split and tombs to open. An earthquake was a fitting response of creation to the death of its Creator.

Finally, after Jesus’ resurrection, the dead from the open tombs were brought back to life and entered the city—another fitting result. When the Giver of life defeated death, the power that raised Him spread to others who had died.

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Let us pray, Father thank You for loving the world so much that You sent Jesus so we can be forgiven. Help us to show forgiveness toward others by the way we live. AMEN

April Scriptures

4/2 GOOD FRIDAY John 18:1-19:42

4/4 EASTER 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-7

4/11 Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, John 20:19-31

4/18 Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, Lukw 24:36-4

4/25 Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, John 10:11-18

Prayer Requests

For continuing comfort and healing

Carolyn Krick, Lelanie Exbom, Pat Bingham, Vern Parsons, Char and Dale Matheny, Carol Wostal, Nick Nichols, Cherie Bourlier, Karen Shaffer, Andrew Johnson

If you know of someone who should be included in the monthly ongoing prayer list, or you yourself would like to be included, please contact Pastor Michael (509-710-3283).



KEMA GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

(Kingman Evangelical Ministerial Association)

Friday, April 2, 2021 7 PM

This will be a time to fellowship and worship with others from several churches around our community.

Please join us as we remember where it all began-at Calvary!



College Park Community Center
1990 Jagerson Ave., Kingman, AZ

Join us for Easter!

April 4, 2021

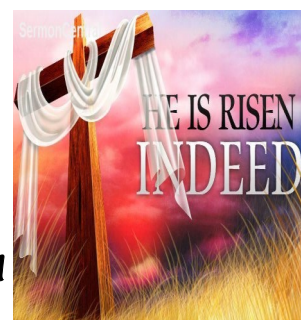
Fellowship time and light breakfast treats served by WOW beginning at 8:30 AM

Worship begins 10 AM

We will be resurrecting the Alleluias that have been buried for 40 days during Lent.

(WHAT'S in that Alleluia box this year??)

Invite a friend to share this special day with us!!



Bless, Bless, Bless, MY House!



Have you ever been to a House Blessing? We have had the privilege of blessing two new houses/homes in our church family: those of Pat Toth and Shelley Cleve. What a joy! In both cases members of our church were able to not only bless these dear sisters and their houses BUT to get to meet some of their friends and neighbors as well – not mention great fellowship and food ! Blessing your house and home is not only a fun thing to do it is spiritually important to consecrate and bless all things we live in, with, or around –that's why we're always doing that for things involved in worship, for example. It is a way for us to establish and proclaim that God is Lord of every aspect of our lives and to invite His presence – to place everything "Under His Wing". Sooooo.....if your house hasn't been blessed "officially", regardless of how long you have lived in it, please consider this beautiful means of enveloping the place you live with His Presence AND gathering your friends, family, and neighbors together. Who knows – maybe a neighborhood small group Bible study might be birthed as well! Contact me if you're ready for this cool way to bring BLESSING to your neighborhood. Samples of the "service" are on the back table of our most recent (Shelley's).

Pastor Michael

LIVING WORD IN ACTION!

Women Of the Word. At the March meeting the **W.O.W.** members agreed to have a continental style Easter breakfast, before the worship service on April 4th, for the congregation. For the most part, **W.O.W.** will purchase prepared, pre-packaged items with **W.O.W.** funds and a donation basket will be provided at the breakfast to reimburse the expense.

It has also been suggested that **W.O.W.** undertake a spring yard sale of unneeded items from the newly donated

parsonage from the estate of Donna Kowalske. Since it would be a fund-raising project, with proceeds to go the church general fund, Council approval will be needed for the sale.

The next meeting of **W.O.W.** will be Saturday, April 17th, at the church at 11:00 a.m. Members are requested to bring a brunch item to share for lunch. All women who attend Living Word Lutheran Church are encouraged to be a part of **W.O.W.** to support the events and activities of the church.



Small Groups – Update

Spring is God's time for growth and Small Groups are all about growing spiritually. After we celebrate Easter Sunday, it will be time for us to grow more Small Groups.

The pandemic has affected all of us and that includes our Small Groups. We've lost two groups. But the good news is the three remaining groups are stronger than ever and one new group is being formed.

Pastor Michael and the Small Group Coordinator, Pat Toth, are making plans to develop new groups. Prayerfully consider hosting a new group and/or participating in one of the groups listed below.



HOST

DESCRIPTION

MEETING DAY, TIME, LOCATION

Greg Jensen and Pastor Michael

Men's Bible Study Max Lucado's book "Ten Men of the Bible"

Wednesdays, 9 AM Living Word

Beverly Valentine 928-377-2577

beverlyvalentine@citlink.net

Working Women's Evening Bible Study
Book: "Blessed and Unstoppable"

Every other Thursday evening 5:30 PM
IHOP Restaurant 3600 Stockton Hill Rd.

Rosie Freeman 928-303-3983

rfreeman7074@yahoo.com

Women's Bible Study

Meets 1 hour before WOW meetings
Location varies-contact Rosie Freeman or Donna Pederson

Donna Ferguson 928-715-9660

Bible study of the book of James Book: "You're Either Walking the Walk or Just Running Your Mouth"

Weekly on Wednesdays 11 AM Location varies-Contact Donna Ferguson

April Celebrations

April 13 Barbara McCord

April 18 Don Bingham

April 28 Cherie Bourlier



No April Anniversaries

Living Word Council Minutes-Meeting Summary 2/8/2021

President Bob Pressler, Pastor Assistant Eileen Pressler, Mission Coordinator Rosie Freeman, Secretary Sharon Peterson Excused: Pastor Michael Birnbaum

Meeting opened with prayer. January Minutes approved.

Pastor Brandon Scroggins joined us for an informal discussion.

Pastor's Report: Eileen covered report in Pastor's absence, AFLC issues: It was brought to our attention regarding our constitution, & specifically: 2.3 LWLC may choose to affiliate with one or more associations by a vote of 60% of the voting membership or maintain an independent status.

What we did at the congregational meeting was to take a vote to apply for affiliation with AFLC. This motion to apply was appropriate according to 9.5 of our constitution; a quorum was present, voice vote was taken, and no "nay" votes were recorded. It did not require a 60% of the voting membership. Eileen got the paperwork signed and will send it to AFLC tomorrow (priority mail) for them to either accept or deny our request. If we are accepted, we will have another congrega-

tional meeting. First vote will be to clarify 2.3 to read 60% of the voting membership present. The second vote would be to accept or reject AFLC acceptance.

Pastor has been talking to Kari Hill regarding the possibility of purchasing Donna Kowalske's house. There are a lot of things to consider (upkeep, insurance, taxes) but it could be an asset as a parsonage.

Pastor Assistant: Eileen Pressler Ash Wednesday, in person worship. Mid-week devotions. Should it be soup/supper or just devotion? Council decided that we should hold off doing soup/supper and have devotion. Pastor will be off on Sunday March 14, Pastor Dan Storvick will be covering. President Korhonen's offer to preach Feb 28. 12 acknowledgement letters have been sent for Memorial Fund donations received. Memorial fund is not to be used for general operating expenses.

President-Financial Report: Bob Pressler Approval of Treasurer & Pastoral Assistant appointments approved. Review of financial reports as printed by Bob. Council approved.

Mission Coordinator: Newly elected Alice Jensen welcomed. Recommendation from the congregational meeting she will form a committee to add another mission to send support to. This would replace Annie's Attic. Council approved.

Old Business:

Media Team – Brandon met with media team Saturday.

New Business: Possibility of using memorial fund for new speakers/storage unit Proposal to have a designated day for the council meeting. Council decided that the future meetings will be the 1st Monday of the month.

Next meeting: Monday, March 1, 2021 5:00 pm

Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted by Sharon Peterson, Secretary



APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER!

APRIL 2 KEMA COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP, PASTOR MICHAEL PARTICIPATING, COLLEGE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, 7 PM

April 3 Open House Celebration of Marry Ann Mallory's 90th birthday, 2-4 PM, Pat Toth's home, 3690 N. Miller Street

APRIL 4 EASTER WORSHIP 10 AM, FELLOWSHIP AND LIGHT BREAKFAST TREATS BEGINNING 8:30 AM

April 5 Council meets at church 5 PM

April 7, 14, 21, 28 Men's Bible Study and Fellowship, 9 AM at church

April 11 Special Congregation Meeting immediately following worship

April 17 W.O.W. meets at church 11 AM

Agenda for special meeting 4/11/2021

1. Constitutional Amendment for clarification:
2.3 LWLC may choose to affiliate with one or more associations by a vote of 60% of the voting membership ~~majority vote~~ of those voting members present and voting or maintain an independent status.
2. Update on application for affiliation with Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC)
3. Acceptance of gift of Donna Kowalske's home
As specified in article 6.3.6 of Living Word Constitution and Bylaws, the congregation may "Acquire real and personal property by gift, devise, purchase, or other lawful means."

Please plan to attend this important meeting immediately after worship on 4/11/2021

Counting our Blessings,
Bob Pressler,
Council President





Thank you to everyone that attended the blessing of my house. I appreciated all the nice gifts and all the delicious food. Thank you for making it a great day! Shelley



Shelley's brothers helped Pastor bless her new home!



Dear Brother and Sisters, Many of you have asked about Memorial Gifts for my sister Mary Elaine, in lieu of flowers. The family has identified two options: the Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado www.VOC.org and www.WellChildInternational.org. Well Child International (WCI) is a non profit I founded years ago to provide help for underserved women and children in several countries. In addition to sending med teams we partner in building safe homes and refuges for abused or indigent women and their children. It is run by missionaries. My sis visited me and worked for a day in one such facility in Mexico and has supported the work since. Pls go to www.WellChildInternational.org and use the "Donate!" link at the top. Thanks! *Pastor Michael*

You're invited...

Mary Ann Mallory will be celebrating Easter Sunday with us. She's planning to arrive in Kingman Good Friday. In addition to celebrating Easter with her Living Word family, Mary Ann will have turned 90 on March 30th!

You're invited for birthday cake and coffee, to share a hug, and to say hello.

- Who: Members of our Living Word family
- What: Mary Ann's belated birthday celebration
- When: Saturday, April 3rd, from 2-to-4 PM
- Where: Pat Toth's home at 3690 N. Miller Street (928-565-1024)



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Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a welcoming, scripturally based community intentionally serving Christ through missions.

Mission Statement

Living and growing in faith together as a spirit filled church with the

Word of God as our foundation and reaching out through missions showing the

Love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to

Create a hunger in others to embrace the Word of God, salvation through Jesus Christ and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

